

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Sterling

Sterling is an unincorporated CDP located on the Sterling Highway at the junction of the Moose and Kenai Rivers, about 20 miles east of the city of Kenai. Sterling is part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 5,134, a gain of about 429 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 58 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ♦ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 20 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

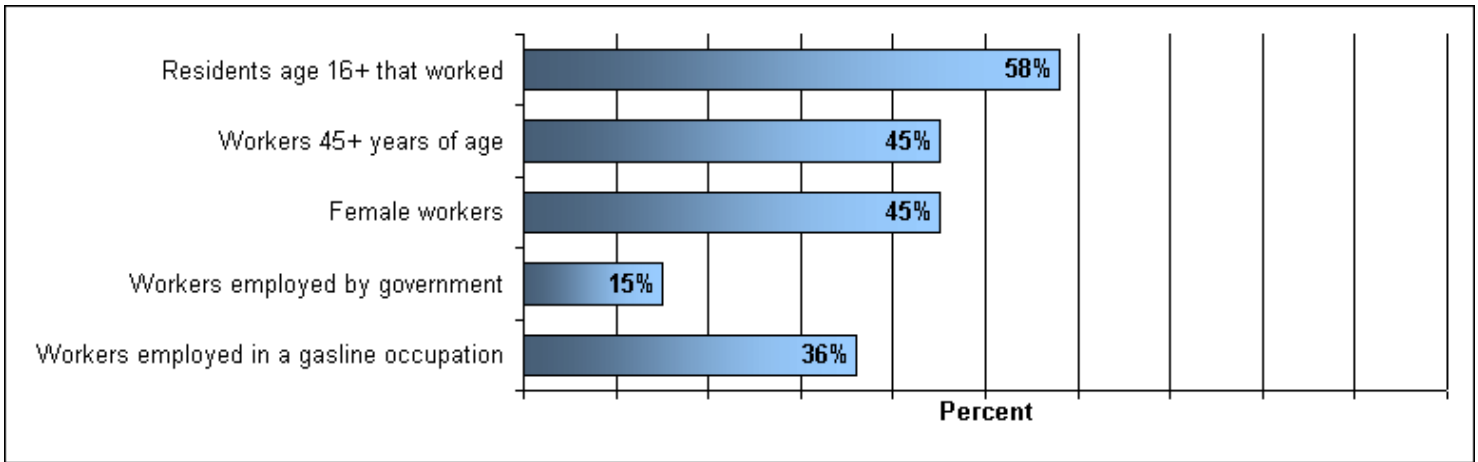
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Sterling Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	4,032	Total wages	\$95,387,404
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	2,339	Private	1,987
Male	1,279	State government	104
Female	1,057	Local government	248
Age 45+	1,064	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	717	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	2,080
		Percent working all 4 quarters	68.1%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	339	Some construction	506
		At least 1 year construction	300
		At least 2 years construction	190
New Hires		Worked in an AGIA occupation	1,628
New hires	841		

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2008 Residents

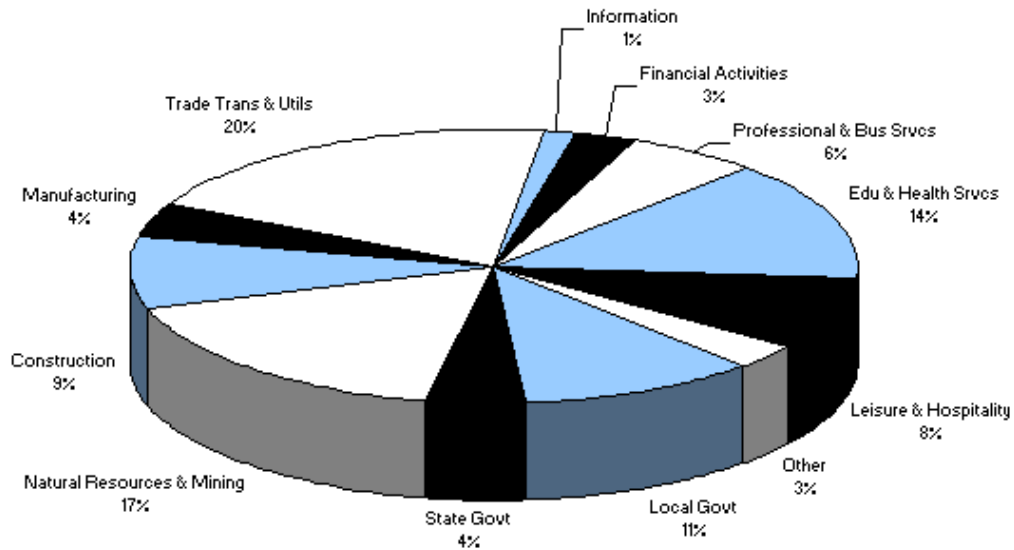


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	114	64.9%	44	32
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	69	60.9%	43	25
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	60	15.0%	9	7
Office Clerks, General AGIA	52	84.6%	27	14
Registered Nurses HOT JOB	51	86.3%	37	25
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	47	12.8%	19	12
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	46	63.0%	1	1
Production Workers, All Other	43	4.7%	28	22
Cashiers	42	83.3%	15	14
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	42	14.3%	17	12
Home Health Aides	39	79.5%	20	15
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General AGIA	39	7.7%	24	18
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	38	10.5%	11	8
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	34	0.0%	14	10
Food Preparation Workers AGIA	34	44.1%	10	7
Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA	31	93.5%	11	7
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	28	0.0%	16	13
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	27	77.8%	9	5
Waiters and Waitresses	26	96.2%	7	4
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	26	50.0%	9	6
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	26	7.7%	17	13

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	392	7.7%	193	135
Construction	203	15.8%	80	63
Manufacturing	90	26.7%	42	28
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	464	49.1%	198	147
Information	31	35.5%	11	6
Financial Activities	63	66.7%	29	15
Professional and Business Services	141	35.5%	66	45
Educational and Health Services	330	85.2%	165	111
Leisure and Hospitality	198	62.2%	47	30
State Government	104	50.0%	64	39
Local Government	248	58.3%	143	85
Other	73	56.2%	26	13
Unknown	*	*	*	*

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Recent Unemployment Statistics

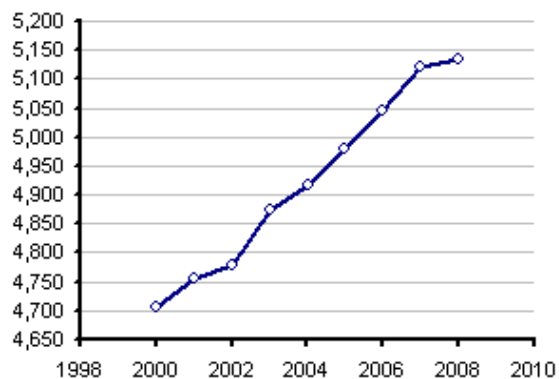
	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	98	131	162	174

**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Kenai Peninsula Borough School
Central Peninsula General Hospital
State of AK (excludes U of A)
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Peak Oilfield Svc Co
Kenai Peninsula Borough
BP Exploration Alaska Inc
Chevron USA Inc
Veco Alaska Inc

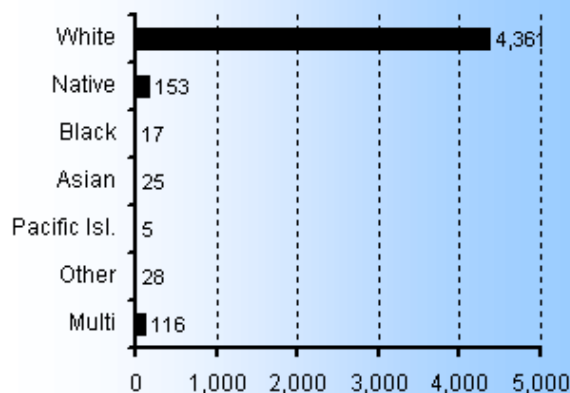
Population over Time



2000 Census

Median Age	36.4
Average Family Size	3.2
Average Household Size	2.8
Per Capita Income	\$20,741
Median Family Income	\$53,889
Median Household Income	\$47,700

Population by Race



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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